

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 13-32, 34, 35, 41, and 64-84 are currently under examination and subject to a species election of: (a) a composition comprising a modified Factor VII nucleic acid or (b) a composition comprising a modified Factor IX nucleic acid. In response to the requirement for a species election, Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse **a composition comprising a modified Factor VII nucleic acid of claims 1, 2, 13-32, 34, 35, and 41**. Applicants assert that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search both species of modified Factors VII and IX. First, the claims under examination are directed to only two species. Second, the modification of both Factors VII and IX is the same – Arg Lys Arg Arg Lys Arg (SEQ ID NO: 1). Third, Factors VII and IX are proteins having similar function – Vitamin K-dependent procoagulants. *See* Application at page 5. In the event that the species election is not withdrawn, Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of nonelected claims in one or more continuing applications.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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